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FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Erath County was 4,996 or 16.18 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 2,675 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 1,498 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$87,782,511 for Erath County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$32,307,509 on public assistance and \$10,695,691 on highway construction and maintenance in Erath County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$143,006,662. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 8 percent (from \$132,178,679). * The county had 13 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$362 million. This represents 0.15 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 17,287 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 16,755. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 424 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 344. The Erath County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 2.5 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 2.1 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Erath County had 13,598 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$438. *

| Industry | Jobs Percentage | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 1,142 | 8% |
| Construction | 426 | 3% |
| Manufacturing | 1,983 | 14% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 2,470 | 18% |
| Information | 120 | 1% |
| Financial Activities | 449 | 3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 537 | 4% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,551 | 12% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,280 | 10% |
| Other Services | 491 | 4% |

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|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Nonclassifiable | 4 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 85 | 1% |
| State Government | 1,779 | 13% |
| Local Government | 1,281 | 10% |



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Texas Economic Development

Hood County

Hood County is located in the north central plains of Texas. Granbury, the county seat, is forty-one miles southwest of Fort Worth on U.S. Highway 377. The restoration of downtown Granbury increased tourism and retail sales. Points of particular interest include the Granbury Opera House and the antique stores in the Hood County Courthouse Historic District. • Hood County, FIPSCODE 48221, is the 68th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 41,100 in 2000. •

The county consists of 437 square miles with a 2000 population density of 97.5 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Hood County averages 30.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Hood County is 232 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 13. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

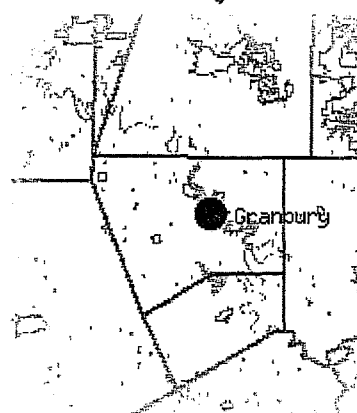
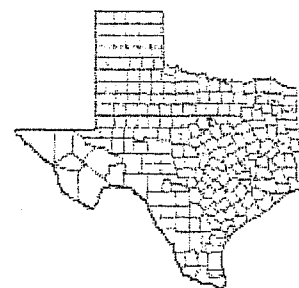
| Farming • | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 638 | 799 |
| Acres of Farmland | 212,741 | 225,450 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 333 | 282 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Hood County's population changed 42 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 28,981 in 1990 and 41,100 in 2000, an increase of 12,119. In 2000, the median age was 41.5 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 469 births and 482 deaths in Hood County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown• | Hood County | Texas |
|----------------|-------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 23.6% | 28.2% |
| 18-24 | 6.7% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 25.2% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 26.6% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 17.9% | 9.9% |



Distances from the county seat Granbury (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 148 |
| Amarillo | 300 |
| Brownsville | 451 |
| Dallas | 64 |
| El Paso | 508 |
| Houston | 233 |

Cities

- Granbury, City of
- Lipan, City of
- Tolar, City of

Chambers

- Lake Granbury Area Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

| Group * | Hood County | Hood County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| White | 38,952 | 95% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 134 | 0% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 2,975 | 7% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 126 | 0% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 339 | 1% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 18 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

"Numbers may add up to more than the total population and more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 16,176 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.50 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 81.2 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 34.1 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 17,868 while the number that worked at home was 671. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (14,285), carpooled (2,562), public transportation (2), walked (222), and other means (126).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 9,233 people in Hood County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 83.5 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 20.5 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 553 |
| Kindergarten | 561 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 4,638 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 2,247 |
| College or graduate school | 1,234 |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

| | |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Less than 9th grade | 1,237 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 3,497 |
| High school graduate | 8,466 |
| Some college, no degree | 8,216 |
| Associate degree | 1,340 |
| Bachelor's degree | 4,047 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 1,818 |

Top 10 Employers

CREATIVE SOLUTIONS IN HEALTHCA
AT GRANBURY
EQUIBRAND CORPORATION
GRANBURY - CITY OF
GRANBURY ISD
LAKE GRANBURY MEDICAL CENTER
NORTH AMERICAN CONTRACT
EMPLOYEE SERVICES
PDX INC
PECAN PLANTATION OWNERS
ASSOCIATION INC
THE KROGER CO
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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Total

9,233

28,621

FISCAL INFORMATION

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The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$40,497,999 for Hood County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$17,117,988 on public assistance and \$2,324,814 on highway construction and maintenance in Hood County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$119,266,423. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 2 percent (from \$117,263,935). • The county had 14 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$470 million. This represents 0.19 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 17,999 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 17,618. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 885 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 620. The Hood County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.9 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.5 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Hood County had 9,317 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$442. •

| Industry | Jobs | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 172 | 2% |
| Construction | 670 | 7% |
| Manufacturing | 412 | 4% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 1,971 | 22% |
| Information | 141 | 2% |
| Financial Activities | 689 | 8% |
| Professional & Business Services | 770 | 9% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,120 | 13% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,221 | 14% |
| Other Services | 346 | 4% |

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|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Nonclassifiable | 13 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 103 | 1% |
| State Government | 53 | 1% |
| Local Government | 1,636 | 16% |



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Texas Economic Development

Hunt County

Hunt County is located in northeastern Texas. Greenville, the county seat and largest town, is fifty-one miles northeast of Dallas on Interstate Highway 30. The major communities include Greenville, Commerce, Caddo Mills, Quinlan, and Wolfe City. Hunt County has notable recreational facilities, such as Lake Tawakoni, and educational facilities, such as the East Texas State University. * Hunt County, FIPSCODE 48231, is the 43rd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 76,596 in 2000. *

The county consists of 882 square miles with a 2000 population density of 91.1 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Hunt County averages 41.6 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Hunt County is 237 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 13. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

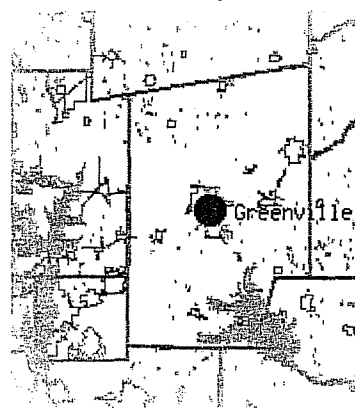
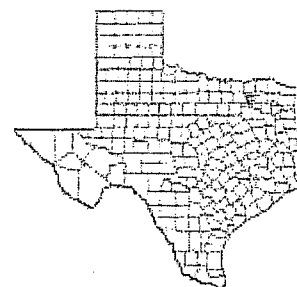
| Farming * | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 1,939 | 2,049 |
| Acres of Farmland | 348,386 | 353,410 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 180 | 172 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Hunt County's population changed 19 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 64,343 in 1990 and 76,596 in 2000, an increase of 12,253. In 2000, the median age was 35.5 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,019 births and 704 deaths in Hunt County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown* | Hunt County | Texas |
|----------------|-------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 26.5% | 28.2% |
| 18-24 | 10.0% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 28.0% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 22.8% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 12.6% | 9.9% |



Distances from the county seat Greenville (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 217 |
| Amarillo | 358 |
| Brownsville | 504 |
| Dallas | 45 |
| El Paso | 609 |
| Houston | 235 |

Cities

- Caddo Mills, City of
- Campbell, City of
- Celeste, City of
- Commerce, City of
- Greenville, City of
- Neylandville, City of
- Quinlan, City of
- West Tawakoni, City of
- Wolfe City, City of

Chambers

- Commerce Chamber of Commerce

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:

| Group * | Hunt County | Hunt County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|----------------|-----------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| White | 64,013 | 84% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 7,242 | 9% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 6,366 | 8% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 416 | 1% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 559 | 1% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 56 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 28,742 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.60 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 71.5 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 30.1 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 34,010 while the number that worked at home was 1,021. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (26,171), carpooled (5,777), public transportation (26), walked (704), and other means (311).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 21,088 people in Hunt County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 76.9 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 16.8 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 1,309 |
| Kindergarten | 1,097 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 9,498 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 4,836 |
| College or graduate school | 4,348 |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

| | |
|-------------------------------|--------|
| Less than 9th grade | 3,505 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 7,729 |
| High school graduate | 16,655 |
| Some college, no degree | 10,700 |
| Associate degree | 1,821 |

-Greenville Chamber of Commerce
-Lake Tawakoni Area Chamber of
Commerce
-Quinlan Area Chamber of Commerce
-Wolfe City Chamber of Commerce

Top 10 Employers

BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
COMMERCE ISD
E - SYSTEMS INC
GREENVILLE ISD
HUNT MEMORIAL HOSPITAL DISTRICT
QUINLAN ISD
RUBBERMAID TEXAS
TEXAS A & M - COMMERCE
TYCO HEALTHCARE GROUP
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|-------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | | Bachelor's degree | 5,206 |
| | | Graduate or professional degree | 2,932 |
| Total | 21,088 | | 48,548 |

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Hunt County was 11,201 or 15.45 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 7,639 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 4,369 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$187,112,906 for Hunt County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$44,945,350 on public assistance and \$39,221,623 on highway construction and maintenance in Hunt County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$477,018,111. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 1 percent (from \$471,192,046). • The county had 20 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$589 million. This represents 0.24 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 37,931 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 37,723. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 2,119 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,735. The Hunt County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.6 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.6 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Hunt County had 24,172 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$555. •

| Industry | Jobs | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 67 | 0% |
| Construction | 954 | 4% |
| Manufacturing | 5,772 | 24% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 4,450 | 19% |
| Information | 474 | 2% |
| Financial Activities | 752 | 3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 931 | 4% |
| Education & Health Services | 1,916 | 8% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,804 | 8% |

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|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Other Services | 526 | 2% |
| Nonclassifiable | 26 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 305 | 1% |
| State Government | 1,899 | 8% |
| Local Government | 4,296 | 18% |



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Texas Economic Development

Johnson County

Johnson County, is located in north central Texas on the southwestern edge of the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Cleburne, the county seat, is fifty-five miles southwest of downtown Dallas and twenty-nine miles south of downtown Fort Worth. Lake Pat Cleburne and Cleburne State Recreational Park provide recreational facilities. Lakes Whitney and Granbury border the county. The Layland Museum in Cleburne occupies the bottom level of the original Carnegie Library building, completed in 1904. The top floor, a refurbished auditorium, is home to a theatrical group, the Carnegie Players. • Johnson County, FIPSCODE 48251, is the 25th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 126,811 in 2000. •

The county consists of 734 square miles with a 2000 population density of 173.9 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Johnson County averages 34.0 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

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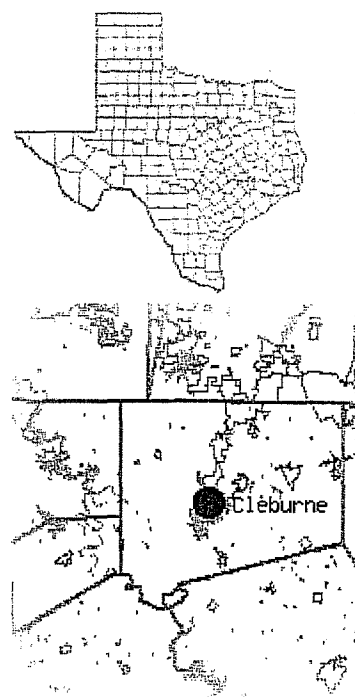
| Farming • | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 1,867 | 2,062 |
| Acres of Farmland | 312,129 | 332,844 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 167 | 161 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Johnson County's population changed 31 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 97,165 in 1990 and 126,811 in 2000, an increase of 29,646. In 2000, the median age was 34.3 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,908 births and 1,042 deaths in Johnson County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown • | Johnson County | Texas |
|-----------------|----------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 28.8% | 28.2% |



Distances from the county seat Cleburne (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 143 |
| Amarillo | 321 |
| Brownsville | 444 |
| Dallas | 48 |
| El Paso | 530 |
| Houston | 215 |

Cities

- Alvarado, City of
- Briar Oaks, City of
- Burleson, City of
- Cleburne, City of
- Cross Timber, City of
- Godley, City of
- Joshua, City of
- Keene, City of
- Mansfield, City of
- Rio Vista, City of
- Venus, City of

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 18-24 | 8.8% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 30.2% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 22.3% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 10.0% | 9.9% |

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| Hispanic | 15,375 | 12% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 43,636 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.85 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 78.9 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 31.8 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 58,393 while the number that worked at home was 1,494. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (46,956), carpooled (8,413), public transportation (45), walked (877), and other means (608).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 34,577 people in Johnson County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 77.6 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 13.8 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

Nursery school, preschool

2,161

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

Less than 9th grade

Chambers

-Burleson Area Chamber of Commerce
-Cleburne Chamber of Commerce
-Joshua Area Chamber of Commerce
-Mansfield Chamber of Commerce

Top 20 Employers

ALVARADO ISD
BRANDOM MFG OF TEXAS INC
BURLESON ISD
CLEBURNE ISD
CORRECTIONS CORPORATION
GODLEY ISD
GUNDERSON RAIL SERVICES INC
JAMES HARDIE BUILDING PRODUCTS
JOHNS MANVILLE INTERNATIONAL I
JOSHUA ISD
POSTAL DATA CENTER
RANGAIRE
REDMAN HOMES INC
TEXAS SUNRISE SERVICES INC
THOMAS CONVEYOR COMPANY
TREE OF LIFE INC
VENUS ISD
WALLS INDUSTRIES INC
WALLS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | | | 5,306 |
| Kindergarten | 1,783 | 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 12,520 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 17,446 | High school graduate | 26,387 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 8,381 | Some college, no degree | 19,890 |
| College or graduate school | 4,806 | Associate degree | 4,373 |
| | | Bachelor's degree | 7,703 |
| | | Graduate or professional degree | 3,238 |
| Total | 34,577 | | 79,417 |

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The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$209,230,437 for Johnson County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$73,186,935 on public assistance and \$17,443,604 on highway construction and maintenance in Johnson County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$560,440,467. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -1 percent (from \$566,287,380). * The county had 30 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$822 million. This represents 0.34 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 65,200 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 63,443. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 3,659 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 2,320. The Johnson County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 5.6 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.7 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Johnson County had 32,438 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$503. *

| Industry | Jobs | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 326 | 1% |
| Construction | 2,367 | 8% |
| Manufacturing | 7,275 | 22% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 7,224 | 23% |
| Information | 316 | 1% |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Financial Activities | 1,176 | 4% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,417 | 5% |
| Education & Health Services | 3,390 | 10% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 2,317 | 7% |
| Other Services | 873 | 3% |
| Nonclassifiable | 17 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 246 | 1% |
| State Government | 204 | 1% |
| Local Government | 5,290 | 16% |



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Texas Economic Development

Kaufman County

Kaufman County is located in northeastern Texas. The county is on the divide between two large rivers, the Trinity and the Sabine. Terrell, the county's largest town, is thirty miles east of Dallas. Cedar Creek Reservoir and Ray Hubbard Lake provide recreational opportunities. • Kaufman County, FIPSCODE 48257, is the 46th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 71,313 in 2000. •

The county consists of 807 square miles with a 2000 population density of 90.7 residents per square mile. • The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Kaufman County averages 38.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. •

FARMING

The average growing season in Kaufman County is 248 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 21. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. •

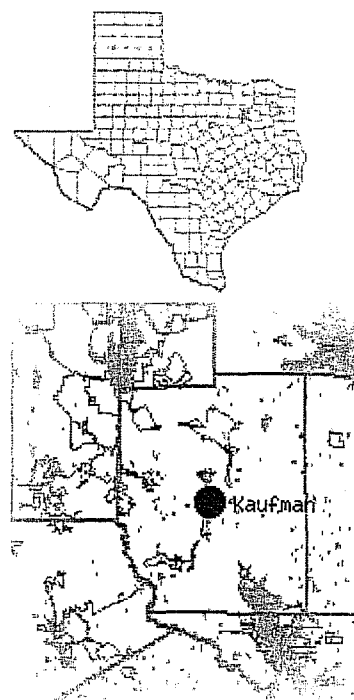
| Farming • | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 1,704 | 1,883 |
| Acres of Farmland | 361,425 | 388,830 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 212 | 206 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Kaufman County's population changed 37 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 52,220 in 1990 and 71,313 in 2000, an increase of 19,093. In 2000, the median age was 34.9 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. • The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,118 births and 673 deaths in Kaufman County in 2000. •

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown• | Kaufman County | Texas |
|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 29.2% | 28.2% |
| 18-24 | 8.2% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 29.5% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 22.4% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 10.6% | 9.9% |



Distances from the county seat Kaufman (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 179 |
| Amarillo | 365 |
| Brownsville | 466 |
| Dallas | 30 |
| El Paso | 595 |
| Houston | 202 |

Cities

- Cottonwood, City of
- Crandall, City of
- Forney, City of
- Grays Prairie, City of
- Heath, City of
- Kaufman, City of
- Kemp, City of
- Liberty, City of
- Mabank, City of
- Oak Grove, City of
- Oak Ridge, City of
- Payne Springs, City of
- Post Oak Bend, City of
- Rosser, City of
- Terrell, City of

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

| Group * | Kaufman County | Kaufman County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|-------------------|--------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| White | 57,837 | 81% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 7,511 | 11% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 7,925 | 11% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 333 | 0% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 437 | 1% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 15 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

"Numbers may add up to more than the total population and more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 24,367 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.87 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 79.2 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 35.6 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 32,704 while the number that worked at home was 870. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (25,486), carpooled (5,530), public transportation (50), walked (447), and other means (321).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 19,166 people in Kaufman County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 74.5 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 12.3 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 1,223 |
| Kindergarten | 1,081 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 9,570 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 4,956 |
| College or graduate school | 2,336 |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------|
| Less than 9th grade | 3,679 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 7,758 |
| High school graduate | 15,169 |
| Some college, no degree | 10,270 |
| Associate degree | 2,462 |
| Bachelor's degree | 3,973 |
| Graduate or professional degree | 1,548 |

Chambers

-Forney Area Chamber of Commerce
-Kaufman Chamber of Commerce
-Kemp Chamber of Commerce
-Mabank Chamber of Commerce
-Terrell Chamber of Commerce
-The Greater Cedar Creek Lake Area
Chamber of Commerce (Cedar Creek L.
Chamber of Commerce)

Top 10 Employers

AIR SYSTEM COMPONENTS
BROOKSHIRE GROCERY CO
BUTLER MANUFACTURING COMPAN
FORNEY ISD
KAUFMAN ISD
MABANK ISD
MADIX INC
TERRELL ISD
TERRELL STATE HOSPITAL
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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Total

19,166

44,859

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Kaufman County was 9,901 or 14.07 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 5,966 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 3,399 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$141,023,569 for Kaufman County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$40,728,860 on public assistance and \$5,273,601 on highway construction and maintenance in Kaufman County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$400,723,198. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 6 percent (from \$378,696,074). • The county had 18 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$655 million. This represents 0.27 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 35,652 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 34,618. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 2,743 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,548. The Kaufman County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 7.7 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 4.5 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Kaufman County had 21,566 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$488. •

| Industry | Jobs Percentage | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 119 | 1% |
| Construction | 1,389 | 7% |
| Manufacturing | 5,134 | 24% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 3,979 | 19% |
| Information | 111 | 1% |
| Financial Activities | 779 | 4% |
| Professional & Business Services | 939 | 4% |
| Education & Health Services | 2,117 | 10% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,472 | 8% |
| Other Services | 616 | 3% |

| | | |
|--------------------|-------|-----|
| Nonclassifiable | 4 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 182 | 1% |
| State Government | 1,080 | 5% |
| Local Government | 3,645 | 17% |



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Texas Economic Development

Navarro County

Navarro County is in north central Texas and is bordered by Henderson, Freestone, Limestone, Hill, and Ellis counties. The Trinity River forms its northeast boundary. The center of the county lies forty miles south of Dallas. Corsicana, the county seat, is located forty-five miles southeast of Dallas on Interstate Highway 45. Other towns include Kerens, Blooming Grove, and Dawson. * Navarro County, FIPSCODE 48349, is the 62nd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 45,124 in 2000. *

The county consists of 1086 square miles with a 2000 population density of 44.8 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Navarro County averages 37.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Navarro County is 253 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 19. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. *

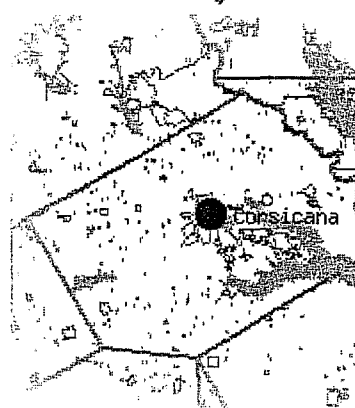
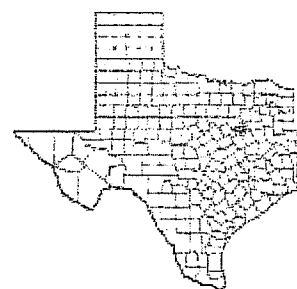
| Farming * | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 1,463 | 1,513 |
| Acres of Farmland | 505,366 | 516,395 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 345 | 341 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Navarro County's population changed 13 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 39,926 in 1990 and 45,124 in 2000, an increase of 5,198. In 2000, the median age was 35.2 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 685 births and 554 deaths in Navarro County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown* | Navarro County | Texas |
|----------------|----------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 27.2% | 28.2% |
| 18-24 | 9.9% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 26.9% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 21.5% | 20.2% |



Distances from the county seat Corsicana (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 145 |
| Amarillo | 376 |
| Brownsville | 430 |
| Dallas | 52 |
| El Paso | 585 |
| Houston | 172 |

Cities

- Angus, City of
- Barry, City of
- Blooming Grove, City of
- Corsicana, City of
- Dawson, City of
- Emhouse, City of
- Frost, City of
- Goodlow, City of
- Kerens, City of
- Mildred, City of
- Mustang, City of
- Navarro, City of
- Oak Valley, City of
- Powell, City of
- Retreat, City of
- Rice, City of

65+ 14.4% 9.9%

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:

| Group * | Navarro County | Navarro County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|----------------|--------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| White | 31,966 | 71% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 7,577 | 17% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 7,113 | 16% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 214 | 0% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 209 | 0% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 150 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

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HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 16,491 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.65 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 70.8 percent. "

The mean travel time to work was 26.4 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 18,119 while the number that worked at home was 363. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (14,117), carpooled (3,014), public transportation (84), walked (250), and other means (291)."

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 12,175 people in Navarro County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 71.7 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 12.2 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. "

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over enrolled in school

| | |
|--------------------------------|-------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 742 |
| Kindergarten | 662 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 5,773 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 2,866 |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

| | |
|-------------------------------|-------|
| Less than 9th grade | 3,328 |
| 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 4,694 |
| High school graduate | 9,264 |
| Some college, no degree | 5,960 |

Chambers

-Corsicana / Navarro County Chamber of Commerce
-Kerens Chamber of Commerce

Top 10 Employers

CORSICANA ISD
GUARDIAN INDUSTRIES CORP
K-MART
MEDICAL ARES CLINIC ASSOCIATION
CORSICANA
NAVARRO COLLEGE
NAVARRO REGIONAL
RUSSELL STOVER CANDIES INC
TEXAS YOUTH COMMISSION
TOP NOTCH TEMPORARIES INC
TRUSERV CORPORATION

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|----------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| College or graduate school | 2,132 | Associate degree | 1,613 |
| | | Bachelor's degree | 2,233 |
| | | Graduate or professional degree | 1,232 |
| Total | 12,175 | | 28,324 |

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Navarro County was 8,193 or 18.69 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 5,443 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 3,017 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$114,462,092 for Navarro County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$38,775,734 on public assistance and \$17,654,037 on highway construction and maintenance in Navarro County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$225,509,883. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed -5 percent (from \$236,980,420). * The county had 16 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$477 million. This represents 0.20 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 21,625 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 20,989. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,523 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,081. The Navarro County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 7.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 5.2 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001.*

In the first quarter of 2001, Navarro County had 16,085 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$455. *

| Industry | Jobs | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 372 | 2% |
| Construction | 502 | 4% |
| Manufacturing | 3,136 | 20% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 3,550 | 22% |
| Information | 94 | 0% |
| Financial Activities | 555 | 4% |
| Professional & Business Services | 1,389 | 9% |
| Education & Health Services | 2,124 | 13% |

| | | |
|-----------------------|-------|-----|
| Leisure & Hospitality | 795 | 5% |
| Other Services | 341 | 2% |
| Nonclassifiable | 6 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 111 | 1% |
| State Government | 437 | 3% |
| Local Government | 2,673 | 17% |



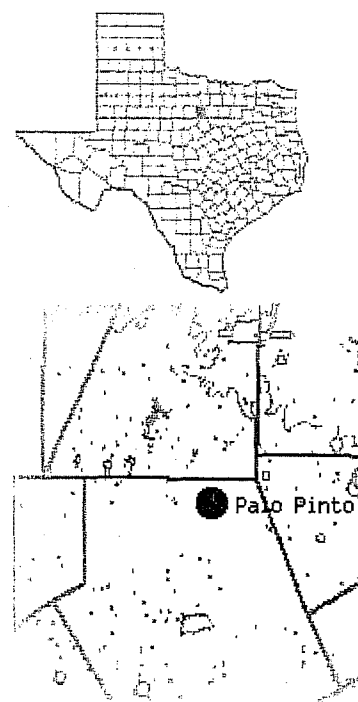
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Texas Economic Development

Palo Pinto County

Palo Pinto County is in north central Texas, bounded on the east by Parker County, on the south by Erath County, on the west by Stephens County, and on the north by Young and Jack counties. Palo Pinto is the county seat, though Mineral Wells is the most populous town in the county, with manufacturing as well as health and recreation facilities. Other communities include Gordon, Graford, and Strawn. The county has developed a tourist industry revolving around Possum Kingdom Lake, Mineral Wells State Park, and Lake Palo Pinto. The county hosts a Crazy Water Festival each May. * Palo Pinto County, FIPSCODE 48363, is the 93rd largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 27,026 in 2000. *

The county consists of 986 square miles with a 2000 population density of 28.4 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average. Rainfall in Palo Pinto County averages 32.2 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *



FARMING

The average growing season in Palo Pinto County is 221 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 7. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison. *

| Farming * | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 719 | 830 |
| Acres of Farmland | 510,757 | 524,449 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 710 | 632 |

Distances from the county seat Palo Pinto (Miles)

| | |
|------------|-----|
| Houston | 249 |
| Austin | 165 |
| Amarillo | 266 |
| Browsville | 482 |
| Dallas | 99 |
| El Paso | 481 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Palo Pinto County's population changed 8 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 25,055 in 1990 and 27,026 in 2000, an increase of 1,971. In 2000, the median age was 38.3 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 373 births and 340 deaths in Palo Pinto County in 2000.*

Cities

- Graford, City of
- Mineral Wells, City of
- Mingus, City of
- Strawn, City of

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown* | Palo Pinto County | Texas |
|----------------|-------------------------|-------|
| | | 28.2% |

Chambers

- Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce
- Possum Kingdom Chamber of Commerce

| | | |
|----------|-------|-------|
| Under 18 | 26.0% | |
| 18-24 | 8.2% | 10.5% |
| 25-44 | 25.9% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 23.6% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 16.4% | 9.9% |

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:"

| Group " | Palo Pinto County | Palo Pinto County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|----------------------|--------------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| White | 23,835 | 88% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 626 | 2% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 3,667 | 14% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 142 | 1% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 182 | 1% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 8 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

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because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 10,594 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.52 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 72.0 percent. "

The mean travel time to work was 24.9 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 11,741 while the number that worked at home was 315. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (9,236), carpooled (1,790), public transportation (14), walked (270), and other means (116)."

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 6,254 people in Palo Pinto County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 71.2 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 12.1 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. "

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT"

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Top 10 Employers

BBG SERVICES INC
CANTEX INC
CC AQUISITION INC
MINERAL WELLS ISD
NATIONAL RESORT MANAGEMENT C
PALO PINTO GENERAL HOSPITAL
S-TEC CORPORATION
TEXAS NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
TIFFANY BRICK INC
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC

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| Population 3 years and over enrolled in school | | Population 25 years and over | |
|---|-------|---------------------------------|--------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 348 | Less than 9th grade | 1,847 |
| Kindergarten | 361 | 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 3,262 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 3,348 | High school graduate | 5,647 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 1,587 | Some college, no degree | 4,100 |
| College or graduate school | 610 | Associate degree | 759 |
| | | Bachelor's degree | 1,432 |
| | | Graduate or professional degree | 717 |
| Total | 6,254 | | 17,764 |

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Palo Pinto County was 4,734 or 17.62 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. • There were 2,732 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 1,564 of those being under the age of 18. •

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$47,065,470 for Palo Pinto County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$16,514,125 on public assistance and \$3,401,111 on highway construction and maintenance in Palo Pinto County. • During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$160,333,219. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 0 percent (from \$159,741,211). • The county had 16 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$322 million. This represents 0.13 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion). •

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 11,971 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 11,789. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 715 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 451. The Palo Pinto County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 6.0 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 3.8 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. •

In the first quarter of 2001, Palo Pinto County had 8,187 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$446. •

| Industry | Jobs Percentage | |
|----------------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 197 | 3% |
| Construction | 304 | 4% |
| Manufacturing | 1,509 | 19% |
| | 1,610 | 19% |

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | | |
| Information | 43 | 1% |
| Financial Activities | 261 | 3% |
| Professional & Business Services | 754 | 10% |
| Education & Health Services | 749 | 9% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 722 | 9% |
| Other Services | 249 | 3% |
| Nonclassifiable | 2 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 56 | 1% |
| State Government | 109 | 1% |
| Local Government | 1,622 | 20% |



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Texas Economic Development

Parker County

Parker County, in north central Texas, is bounded on the north by Jack and Wise counties, on the east by Tarrant County, on the south by Hood and Johnson counties, and on the west by Palo Pinto County.

Weatherford, the county seat, is thirty miles west of Fort Worth. Other communities include Aledo, Annetta, Briar, Cool, Springtown, and Willow Park. The Texas Railroad Museum and the H. B. Prather Museum are located in Weatherford. The city also hosts the Spring Festival Tour of Homes and Parade in April, and Frontier Days each July. * Parker County, FIPSCODE 48367, is the 38th largest of the 254 counties in Texas, with an estimated population of 88,495 in 2000. *

The county consists of 910 square miles with a 2000 population density of 97.9 residents per square mile.* The average density in Texas is 79.6 persons per square mile which is the same as the national average.

Rainfall in Parker County averages 32.9 inches per year as compared to the Texas average of 28.1 inches per year. *

FARMING

The average growing season in Parker County is 225 days with the first freeze generally occurring around November 9. Texas is so climatically diverse that statewide averages are irrelevant as a means of comparison.

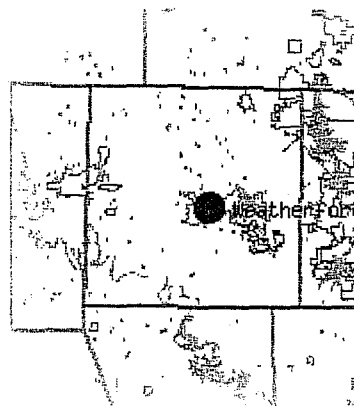
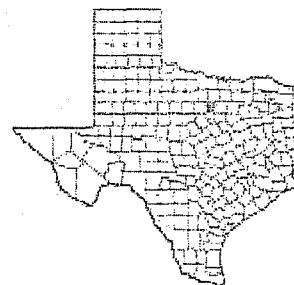
| Farming * | 1987 | 1997 |
|------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Number of Farms | 1,943 | 2,301 |
| Acres of Farmland | 403,385 | 479,807 |
| Average Size of Farm (acres) | 208 | 209 |

POPULATION

According to the Census, Parker County's population changed 37 percent from 1990 to 2000. The county's population was 64,785 in 1990 and 88,495 in 2000, an increase of 23,710. In 2000, the median age was 36.5 years versus a statewide average of 32.3 years and a national average of 35.3 years. * The Texas Department of Human Services reported there were 1,054 births and 719 deaths in Parker County in 2000.*

The 2000 Census estimates for Texas show a population composition as follows:

| Age Breakdown* | Parker County | Texas |
|----------------|---------------|-------|
| Under 18 | 27.5% | 28.2% |
| 18-24 | 7.9% | 10.5% |



Distances from the county seat Weatherford (Miles)

| | |
|-------------|-----|
| Austin | 169 |
| Amarillo | 287 |
| Brownsville | 473 |
| Dallas | 59 |
| El Paso | 510 |
| Houston | 250 |

Cities

- Aledo, City of
- Annetta North, City of
- Annetta South, City of
- Annetta, City of
- Azle, City of
- Cool, City of
- Hudson Oaks, City of
- Millsap, City of
- Pelican Bay, City of
- Reno, City of
- Sanctuary, City of
- Springtown, City of
- Weatherford, City of
- Willow Park, City of

| | | |
|-------|-------|-------|
| 25-44 | 29.8% | 31.1% |
| 45-64 | 24.2% | 20.2% |
| 65+ | 10.5% | 9.9% |

The 2000 Census Bureau's race/ethnic distribution estimates are as follows:*

| Group * | Parker County | Parker County (Percent) | Texas | Texas (Percent) |
|--|------------------|-------------------------------|------------|--------------------|
| White | 81,955 | 93% | 14,799,505 | 71.0% |
| Black | 1,586 | 2% | 2,404,566 | 11.5% |
| Hispanic | 6,211 | 7% | 6,669,666 | 32.0% |
| Asian | 306 | 0% | 562,319 | 2.7% |
| American Indian and Alaska Native | 596 | 1% | 118,362 | 0.6% |
| Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander | 21 | 0% | 14,434 | 0.1% |

"Numbers may add up to more than the total population and more than 100 percent because individuals may report more than one race."

HOUSEHOLDS

The county had approximately 31,131 households in 2000 according to the Census. This represents an average of 2.75 persons per household. The housing per square mile rate was 11.2 percent and the county's homeowner rate was 80.6 percent. *

The mean travel time to work was 32.8 minutes compared to a state average of 25.4 minutes. The number of people over 16 who commuted to work was 41,031 while the number that worked at home was 1,310. The commuting to work breakdown was as follows: drove alone (32,790), carpooled (6,056), public transportation (30), walked (540), and other means (305).*

EDUCATION

According to the Census, 23,189 people in Parker County were enrolled in school in 2000. Countywide, 80.5 percent had a high school diploma or higher and 18.6 percent had a bachelor's degree or higher. The equivalent statewide figures for a high school diploma or higher and a bachelor's degree or higher were 75.7 percent and 23.2 percent, respectively. *

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT*

Population 3 years and over
enrolled in school

| | |
|---------------------------|-------|
| Nursery school, preschool | 1,352 |
| Kindergarten | 1,182 |

EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

Population 25 years and over

| | |
|---------------------|-------|
| Less than 9th grade | 2,909 |
|---------------------|-------|

Chambers

-Azle Chamber of Commerce
-Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce
-Weatherford Chamber of Commerce
-Weatherford Economic Development

Top 10 Employers

ALEDO ISD
BURNS INTERNATIONAL SECURITY
SERVICES INC
JAMAK FABRICATION-TEX
PARKER COUNTY HOSPITAL DIST
PERRY EQUIPMENT CORPORATION
SPRINGTOWN ISD
WAL-MART ASSOCIATES INC
WEATHERFORD COLLEGE
WEATHERFORD ISD
WINN-DIXIE TEXAS INC

Employers are listed alphabetically with no ranking intended. *

Resources

For more Texas county data visit
The Texas Association of Counties -
<http://www.county.org>

Find a County

<http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/Bin/locator.html>

County Comparison Search Engine
<http://www.wptc.com/tcip/>

Advanced Search!
Find Counties That Meet Your Criteria
<http://www.txcip.org/tac/census/index.php>

County Website
<http://www.co.parker.tx.us>

Taxes

County Property Tax Data
http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/products/TaxData00_99/index.html

Tax Rate Map
<http://www.county.org/resources/countydata/Bin/txrates00.html>

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|--------------------------------|--------|---------------------------------|--------|
| | | 9th to 12th grade, no diploma | 8,244 |
| Elementary school (grades 1-8) | 11,876 | High school graduate | 17,338 |
| High school (grades 9-12) | 5,674 | Some college, no degree | 14,415 |
| College or graduate school | 3,105 | Associate degree | 3,545 |
| | | Bachelor's degree | 7,157 |
| | | Graduate or professional degree | 3,464 |
| Total | 23,189 | | 57,072 |

FISCAL INFORMATION

In 1999, the Health and Human Services Commission's poverty estimates for Parker County was 9,277 or 10.09 percent of the non-institutional population. Approximately 3,307,787 Texans or 16.54 percent of the total population fell beneath the poverty line in 1999; this exceeded the U.S. poverty rate of 11.8 percent. * There were 4,713 people enrolled in Medicaid in April 2002 with 2,866 of those being under the age of 18. *

The Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts reported total state expenditures of \$123,553,570 for Parker County in their "State Expenditures by County 2000" report. The State spent \$26,425,904 on public assistance and \$12,143,991 on highway construction and maintenance in Parker County. * During the third quarter of 2001, gross sales for all industries totaled \$439,194,998. Comparing the third quarter of 2000 to the third quarter of 2001, gross sales changed 0 percent (from \$438,392,097). * The county had 15 bank offices in 2001, as reported by the FDIC, with total deposits of \$627 million. This represents 0.26 percent of total deposits in Texas (\$243,390 billion).*

LABOR FORCE

The county civilian labor force was 44,485 in March 2002 reflecting an increase from the March 2001 level of 43,536. According to the Texas Workforce Commission, total unemployment in March 2002 was 1,925 contrasted to the March 2001 total of 1,265. The Parker County unemployment rate for March 2002 was 4.3 percent compared to the March 2001 rate of 2.9 percent. The statewide unemployment rate was 5.6 percent in March 2002 and 4.2 percent in March 2001. *

In the first quarter of 2001, Parker County had 18,355 employed persons and an average weekly wage of \$471. *

| Industry | Jobs | Percentage |
|-----------------------------------|-------|------------|
| Natural Resources & Mining | 447 | 3% |
| Construction | 1,732 | 10% |
| Manufacturing | 2,058 | 12% |
| Trade, Transportation & Utilities | 4,170 | 23% |
| Information | 251 | 1% |
| Financial Activities | 592 | 3% |

| | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-----|
| Professional & Business Services | 1,195 | 7% |
| Education & Health Services | 995 | 6% |
| Leisure & Hospitality | 1,820 | 10% |
| Other Services | 529 | 3% |
| Nonclassifiable | 9 | 0% |
| Federal Government | 178 | 1% |
| State Government | 142 | 1% |
| Local Government | 4,237 | 23% |